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using last fall. And I should have one here to show you, and I apologize for not having that. But on the license it clearly has a section of blue background with white lettering, it's fairly distinctive and easy to see, and it says "Minor." They started using that license last fall when a person under 21 would obtain a new driver's license. And that will be used henceforth. And I think that's a very positive step. Now, what this amendment does quite clearly, and it's being handed out to you, it's also on Journal page 604, what this amendment does is basically one thing. It says that when you get to be 21 years of age, or as you approach 21 years of age you should get a new driver's license that does not have the "Minor" labeling on the license. So, if we continue with the four-year license, as you know, and you get it at the normal 16 years of age, that license would expire at age 20. You'd go in and get another four-year license; that license would have "Minor" on it. So, unless you took the initiative to do something about it, you would have that "Minor" license from age 20 to 24. Now what this amendment says that any operator's license that's issued to a person less than 21 years of age expires on the...on his or her 21st birthday. Now there also is a section in here that refers to state identification cards issued after January 1 of 1990. Those would also expire on the 21st birthday. This is taking one portion of (LB) 1057 that DMV would like us to pass, it is incorporating it into Senator Bohlke's bill, she was agreeable to the amendment. I don't really see a downside. And as we try to deal with minors and the purchasing of alcohol and those types of offenses, I think it's helpful to have a clear labeling of the driver's license. There's less excuse for not realizing the person was a minor, and so I would encourage the body to support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the amendment that Senator Bromm has explained. He did a very good job of explaining it. It seemed to me that it would just bring some consistency to the licensing procedure, especially since we have the one now with the "Minor" indication on the license. So then when someone does turn 21, we have some consistency at that point. So, with that, I rise in support of the amendment 3031. Thank you.